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Representative Bill Shuster
Chairman, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
United States House of Representatives
2268 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Representative Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

CTIA, NAB, WIA, CCA, and NATE, representing the U.S. communications industry and companies throughout the ecosystem, write to express our strong support for the Rouzer Amendment included in H.R. 2997, the 21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act.

The Rouzer Amendment provides an important clarification to language from last year's FAA reauthorization (P.L. 114-190) related to the marking of certain towers. Specifically, the Rouzer Amendment clarifies that covered towers shall be marked or entered into a de-identified database. Absent changes made by the Amendment, our industry will face significant economic impacts without increasing safety. This Amendment ensures the safety of agricultural pilots without requiring unnecessary tower climbs or burdens on the communications industry.

We urge all members to support H.R. 2997 with the Rouzer Amendment language, and look forward to continuing to work with the Committee to enact these important changes into law.

Sincerely,

